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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STRIP SEARCHES AND USE OF
CHEMICAL RESTRAINTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 18 of the general statutes be amended to provide that the
- 2 Department of Correction (1) be limited in its use of chemical restraints,
- 3 (2) may only perform a strip search of an incarcerated person upon
- 4 establishment of probable cause that the incarcerated person is in
- 5 possession of contraband and that any cavity search be conducted only
- 6 if necessary and in the least invasive manner possible, and (3) report on
- 7 the use of any such practices.

Statement of Purpose:

To govern the use of strip searches and use of chemical restraints by the Department of Correction and improve transparency concerning the use of such methods.